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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control Signal and Speed Monitoring**  
3                                   **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control  
5 Signal and Speed Monitoring Systems; specifying the membership of the Task  
6 Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Task Force;  
7 requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide staff for the Task Force;  
8 requiring the Task Force to undertake a certain study; requiring the Task Force  
9 to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
11 establishment of a Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control Signal and  
12 Speed Monitoring Systems.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15       (a)       There is a Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control Signal and Speed  
16 Monitoring Systems.

17       (b)       The Task Force consists of the following members:

18               (1)       one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
19 the Senate;

20               (2)       one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
21 the House;

22               (3)       the Motor Vehicle Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;

23               (4)       the Secretary of the State Police, or the Secretary's designee; and

24               (5)       the following members, appointed by the Governor:

25                       (i)       one representative of a company that sells or operates traffic  
26 control signal monitoring systems; and

1                   (ii)       one representative of a consumer highway safety organization  
2 such as AAA Mid-Atlantic.

3       (c)       The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

4       (d)       The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

5       (e)       The Task Force shall study the use of traffic control signal and speed  
6 monitoring systems to enforce laws prohibiting speeding and entering an intersection  
7 against a red signal indication and shall evaluate:

8               (1)       the accuracy of such systems at identifying violators;

9               (2)       the effectiveness of such systems in deterring violations and reducing  
10 vehicular accidents;

11              (3)       the manner in which such systems are administered by law  
12 enforcement agencies; and

13              (4)       the fee structures established to compensate persons contracted to  
14 operate such systems.

15       (f)       The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to §  
16 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before January  
17 1, 2004.

18       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
20 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.